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Detail of officers for duty in fruit ports.

The following is a list of the acting assistant surgeons appointed for duty at the fruit ports of Central and South America during the close quarantine season: Paul Osterhout, Bocas del Toro, Colombia; D. W. Goodman, Port Limon, Costa Rica; W. K. Fort, Livingston, Guatemala; S. H. Backus, Puerto Cortez, Honduras; W. H. Carson, Bluefields, Nicaragua; R. H. Peters, La Ceiba, Honduras; J. Grey Thomas, Belize, British Honduras.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

ABSTRACT OF REPLIES RECEIVED IN REPLY TO REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON INFLUENZA (LA GRIPPE).

[Continued from Public Health Reports, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.]

ARIZONA—Nogales.—La grippe has been prevalent from December 25, 1900, to February 1, 1901. The types have been catarrhal and gastro-intestinal. The number of cases has been 60. One case was followed by subacute nephritis. Mortality has been nil. Treatment has been dietary and symptomatic for gastric and intestinal types. Medicinal treatment has been principally with quinine and the coaltar products.

CALIFORNIA—Oakland.—Cases of la grippe are not reported, and there is no data by which a history of them can be ascertained. The following shows the number of deaths from la grippe for the past four-teen months:

1900: Month of January, none; February, 1; March, 2; April, none; May, none; June, none; July, 1; August, none; September, none; October, none; November, 1; December, 3. 1901: January, 3; February, none.

GEORGIA—Augusta.—La grippe has existed in mild form for the past few months. The number of cases can not be accurately estimated. The deaths have been very few. No precautions are known to have been taken to check the spread of the disease. The nature of the treatment is not stated.

ILLINOIS—Cairo.—Report of Asst. Surg. John Milton Holt, United States Marine-Hospital Service:

I have the honor to report herewith concerning the prevalence of influenza, as requested in Bureau circular letter dated January 18, 1901.

Blanks were prepared in this office and sent with letters requesting the information desired to 58 physicians in active practice in the southern part of Illinois and southeastern Missouri. Twenty seven of these were completed and returned, supplying information for 16 different localities.